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POST SUBMITS PART II OF NOMINATION FOR IV GRANT FOR JOSE RAFAEL MATA MONGE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LOCAL COMMERCE AND FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSUMER'S TAX. MR. MATA PLANS, DIRECTS AND SUPERVISES THE APPLICATION OF THE CONSUMER'S PROTECTION LAW, AND SEES THAT ALL REGULATIONS ON INTERNAL COMMERCE IN THE COUNTRY ARE IMPLEMENTED. COORDINATES THE OBJECTIVES AND PLANNING OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES, SPECIFICALLY THOSE TENDING TO RAISE NATIONAL PRODUCTION AND INTERNAL SUPPLY. HE DIRECTS, COORDINATES, PLANS, ORGANIZES AND CONTROLS ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPT. OF CONTROL OF PRICES, AND THE DEPT. OF MARKET ANALYSIS, SO HE WISHES TO LEARN MORE OF U.S. EXPERIENCE IN PRICE CONTROLS AND IN PRICING POLICY ESPECIALLY IN THE U.S. GRAIN MARKETS. MR. MATA WAS BORN IN CARTAGO, COSTA RICA, FEBRUARY 2, 1927, COSTA RICAN, MALE, MARRIED, 4 CHILDREN: ONE BOY 18, THREE GIRLS 17, 12, 4 YEARS OLD; ADDRESS: CALLE 8, AVENIDAS 2/4, CARTAGO; EMERGENCY NAME WIFE LIGIA GAROFALO DE MAT, TELEPHONE 51-07-45, SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE; GRADUATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA; MEMBER
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OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION, MEMBER OF

THE SCHOOL BOARDS OF TWO HIGH SCHOOLS IN CARTAGO FOR NINE YEARS, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEES ON TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION, STANDARDS ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; PUBLICATIONS: THESIS OF GRADUATION; TRAVELLED TO SPAIN, MEXICO, PANAMA, GUATEMALA, VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD AND U.S.A. IN 1970 AND 1973 TO ATTEND SEMINARS ON COST OF LIVING AND TAXATION. IN 1970 HE TRAVELLED UNDER AN AID GRANT. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH POOR, NEEDS INTERPRETER, KNOWS NO OTHER LANGUAGE THAN SPANISH; HIS HOBBIES ARE SOCCER AND CARPENTRY. VISITOR'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM: MR. MATA WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH U.S. EXPERTS IN PRICE CONTROL POLICY AND ANALYZE ITS ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION. HE WISHES TO INVESTIGATE PRICE CONTROL LEGISLATION AND DISCUSS PRICE CONTROL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. HE WOULD LIKE TO STUDY PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS FOR PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALES OF PRODUCTS IN THE FOLLOWING THREE GROUPS: A) CONSUMER GOODS, B) MATERIALS AND C) FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET EXPERTS IN EACH OF THE ABOVE FIELDS, VISIT AND OBSERVE INDUSTRIES AND FARMS, STORAGE FACILITIES HANDLING PRODUCTS SUCH AS WHEAT OR ANY OTHER BASIC GRAINS AND VISIT COMMERCIAL CENTERS TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES. POST'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE HIM TO HAVE FULL PICTURE OF U.S. PRICE CONTROL EXPERIENCE AND HOW PRICE POLICY AFFECTS OTHER AREAS OF ECONOMY. SHOULD MEET PRESENT AND FORMER USG PRICE CONTROL EXPERTS, ACADEMICS VERSED IN SUBJECT, LEGISLATORS AND AIDES WITH EXPERIENCE IN PRICE CONTROL LEGISLATION. SHOULD VISIT CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET, FARM COOPERATIVES AND DEALERS IN GRAIN BELT, AND SHIPPING FACILITIES IN NEW ORLEANS. MR. MATA WILL TRAVEL APRIL 25TH VIA PA 542/504, SAN JOSE-MIAMI, EA 176 MIAMI-WASHINGTON, D.C. ARRIVING WASHINGTON AT 6:00 P.M. SAME DAY. TODMAN

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